

Whereas, national governments, and particularly the United States government, should ratify and encourage implementation of key measures protecting children, such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to ensure that children are protected against slavery, should work to ensure that the United Nations International Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime includes a protocol to prevent, suppress, and punish the practice of trafficking in slaves, and should urge the United Nations to adopt a specific year as the International Year Against Trafficking in Human Beings to focus attention on the issue; and

Whereas, governments may curb the practice of child slavery internationally via economic tactics, such as embargoes on products and countries that use child slavery and urging action on the part of industries to purchase directly from plantations where they can ensure that growers implement core international labor standards, particularly those banning forced labor and illegal child labor, and by collaborating with other countries to ensure that international labor standards regarding slavery are enforced throughout such countries; and

Whereas, having repealed the terrible and horrific practice of slavery within our own borders with the Emancipation Proclamation and the thirteenth amendment to our constitution, the United States unequivocally opposes slavery in all forms and universally endorses the freedom and dignity of every human being; and

Whereas, in the true and compassionate knowledge that every child deserves the opportunity to live the life of a child without subjection to the burdens of injustice, child slavery can only be deemed insufferable and repugnant: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress and the President of the United States to institute and enforce legislation and diplomatic action toward the eradication of child slavery internationally. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of both houses of the United States Congress, to the members of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress, and to President George W. Bush.

POM-164. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to the OCS oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Whereas, it has been almost four years since the environmental impact statement was prepared for the Oil and Gas Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182 in the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, as a result of public testimony in response to that EIS, there was recognition of the significant impact which will be felt relative to the infrastructure in offshore activity focal points such as Port Fourchon and LA Highway 1 through Lafourche Parish; and

Whereas, at the present time, forty of the forty-five deep water rigs working in the Gulf of Mexico are being serviced through Port Fourchon as are many of the rigs located on the OCS, with the accompanying increase in land traffic and inland waterway traffic, all primarily through Lafourche Parish; and

Whereas, efforts have so far failed to develop plans to mitigate these present and well-documented impacts while efforts to increase the number of leases in the gulf con-

tinue with no apparent effort to provide mitigation for current or increased impacts: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Louisiana Legislature does hereby memorialize the U.S. Congress to direct the Mineral Management Service to develop a plan for impact mitigation relative to the OCS oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the presiding officer of each house of the U.S. Congress, to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation, and to the director of the Minerals Management Service.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 127: A bill to give American companies, American workers, and American ports the opportunity to compete in the United States cruise market (Rept. No. 107-47).

H.R. 1098: A bill to improve the recording and discharging of maritime liens and expand the American Merchant Marine Memorial Wall of Honor, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 107-48).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 16: A joint resolution approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. (Rept. No. 107-49).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Sue McCort Cobb, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica. Nominee: Sue McCort Cobb. Post: Ambassador to Jamaica.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, date and no., name, and amount:

1. Self:

<i>Federal—Political</i>	
5/14/1996, 168—Senator Bob Dole for President (Compliance Fund)	\$1,000.00
10/31/1996—Friends of Bob Graham	1,000.00
02/03/1997, 223—Friends of Connie Mack	500.00
03/26/1997, CEC—Campaign for New American Century	1,250.00
09/23/1997, 230—Friends of Bob Graham	500.00
11/24/1997, 231—Friends of Bob Graham	500.00
03/04/1998, 234—Friends of Connie Mack	500.00
03/11/1999, CEC4012—Gov. George W. Bush Expl. Comm	1,000.00
04/12/1999, 4570—Friends of Connie Mack (Contribution refund)	-1,000.00
03/22/2000, 522—Tom Gallagher Campaign (Contribution)	1,000.00
04/25/2000, 523—Presidential Trust (Contribution)	10,000.00

<i>Federal—Political</i>	
04/28/2000, AMEX—Republican National State Elections Committee	40,000.00
06/27/2000, 4030—Tom Gallagher Campaign (Contribution refund)	-500.00
07/17/2000, Allocation—Republican National State Elections Committee	-875.00
07/17/2000, Allocation—Republican National State Elections Committee	875.00
08/10/2000, 530—McCollum for US Senate (Contribution)	500.00
09/08/2000, 532—McCollum for US Senate (Contribution)	1,000.00
12/26/2000—Bush-Cheney 2000 Presidential Transition Foundation	5,000.00
Total Political (Contribution) ..	62,250.00
2. Spouse, Charles E. Cobb, Jr.:	
FEDERAL—5081001—IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	
08/24/2000, 0972—Mac Parking, Inc. (Valet Parking Service 8/24—Bush Event)	\$1,100.00
08/28/2000, 4832—Bill's Catering (Catering Services Bush Event)	31,406.00
Total 5081001 in Kind Contributions	32,506.00
FEDERAL—5081001—POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION—CASH PAID	
04/02/1996—Republican Ntl Committee (1996 Team 100)	55,000.00
05/03/1996—Republican Party of Kentucky	500.00
05/03/1996—Sutton for Congress ..	500.00
05/06/1996—Helms Campaign Committee	1,000.00
05/14/1996—Senator Bob Dole for (Compliance Fund)	1,000.00
06/14/1996—Weld for Senate	1,000.00
07/01/1996—Republican National State Elections Committee	3,100.00
08/05/1996—David Funderburk (8/5 reception)	250.00
08/06/1996—People for Lightfoot, Inc. (reception 8/8/96)	500.00
08/27/1996—Jack Kemp for	1,000.00
09/19/1996—Ilena Ros-Lehtinen (Buffet 9/20/96)	200.00
09/30/1996—Bill McCollum for Congress	1,000.00
10/10/1996—Republican Party (Senator McConnell) (Item not reflected in FEC Receipts and Expenditures)	500.00
11/01/1996—Republican Fund	1,000.00
03/14/1997—Republican Ntl Committee (Team 100)	10,000.00
03/14/1997—Republican Fund (\$1,250 of \$2,500 SMC)	1,250.00
03/26/1997—Campaign for a New American Century	1,250.00
04/02/1997—Ilena Ros-Lehtinen (Item not reflected in FEC Receipts and Expenditures)	400.00
06/11/1997—Clay Shaw, Campaign Fund (Contribution)	500.00
11/20/1997—Friends of Don Nickles of Senate	500.00
01/05/1998—Bush-Quayle '92 (92 Compliance debt)	1,000.00
12/29/1997—Bill McCollum for Congress	1,000.00
04/14/1998, 3474—Republican National State Elections Committee (98 Team 100 Contribution)	10,000.00
05/19/1998, 20071—Campaign for a New American Century (1998 Contribution)	2,000.00
05/19/1998, Re-election—Friends of Mark Foley (Re-Election Campaign)	1,000.00
09/16/1998, 3716—Campbell for Senate Victory Fund (Campaign Contribution)	250.00
10/13/1998, Donation—SNOWPAC (Snowpac Contribution)	500.00